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## Friday Night Facts

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From our Director...

More great stories from across Indiana. Check-out my latest entries at: [www.goodworksindiana.blogspot.com](http://www.goodworksindiana.blogspot.com). Speaking of great stories I hope you enjoy the one in this week's edition of FNF. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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### The Bienvenido Program

Gilberto Perez, is very soft spoken man that is until he starts to explain to you the Bienvenido Program. And while his tone doesn't change his voice barley contains his passion for his work. Gilberto third-generation Mexican-American grew up in a small town named Robstown, TX. He has called Indiana his home for the last seven years after moving here from Puerto Rico. It was there that Gilberto's passion for people grew. He

worked as a social worker for hospice, emergency social service 911, and a partial hospitalization program. Now a resident of Goshen, IN he works and work at

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[Northeastern Center](#) in Ligonier, IN as the director of a prevention program for Latino immigrants.

student booklets.

The Bienvenido Program started in 2003 as a result of a community mental health needs assessment conducted by Northeastern Center. The study concluded that his community did not know how to access mental health services, were concerned about drugs and alcohol, were concerned about depression and had no place to talk about their migration experience. Bienvenido has been funded by the Northeastern Center since its inception and received a small grant from a local community foundation to create manuals and print

I asked Gilberto how the program works. "Individuals participate in a nine-week curriculum where they discuss topics such as depression, communication, acculturation, play in the adaptation process, anger, stress reduction, and strength's identification. Participants can attend the classes at the mental health

center or at various sites in the community." he explained.

"We have developed a training program where we train community leaders so they can deliver the Bienvenido curriculum. The program has been implemented at the Salvation Army, LEAP of Noble County, [Learning Generation Initiative](#) - LaGrange, Elkhart, Goshen, Center for Nonviolence, Fort Wayne, Elkhart Community Schools, West Noble High School, Northeastern Center, Freedom Wire, Inc., Hispanic Health Coalition Elkhart and Laporte, and at St. Patrick's Catholic Church."

What makes this program work it taps recognizes the stigma mental illness has within the Latino community. Beinvenido creates an environment which is non-threatening and includes opportunities for storytelling and life experience sharing. Many of those who participate in the program comment they have been taken on a friendship caravan and they have been given tools for life. Tools such as communication skills and an elevated self-esteem are being learned by participants. We also believe the program has worked because we are focusing on identifying strengths versus identifying what all is going wrong in a person's life. We have found that participants respond favorably to strength identification.

The impact of the program has been the growth in Bienvenido facilitators are interested in seeking volunteer opportunities in their community. Bienvenido has developed a facilitator network that communicates activities and support with one another. Facilitators are volunteering for health fairs, radio programs, in church on Sunday to do presentations and are sharing their personal bouts with depression at conferences in Indiana. What are your program challenges/successes? The Bienvenido facilitators share that individuals now show up for their literacy classes and Bienvenido classes and speak to one another while before individuals showed up for class and left without having much conversation.

The future for Bienvenido is wide open. Gilberto and his team are in the process of launching various Bienvenido Facilitator Trainings in their community and elsewhere. With the assistance of the Northeastern Center they are training mental health promoters for the Baltimore Medical System. It is our goal to train a minimum of 100 new Bienvenido Facilitators between 2009-2010. These individuals will go forth into the community to impart mental health education lessons with Latino immigrants with hopes of providing knowledge on where to go for mental health services when needed and feel more comfortable with mental illness and stigma associated with this. And get this they are in dialogue with Harvard Medical School and Cambridge Health Alliance as a possible partner in a research grant proposal through the National Institute of Health.

His advice to others? *"If you have ideas think through all of the steps with a group of individuals whom you trust. Surround yourself with people who are knowledgeable in various areas and choose people whom you might not always agree with. Be open to their feedback and don't be so stuck on what you think might work. Understand that answers lie within the community, not only in you and your trusted friends. We must be willing for our personal vision to be molded and changed by others."*

Great advice Gilberto! And please keep all of us posted on your progress and of course keep up the good work.

**Register Now! Roundtable Legal Experts to Explore Changes During Bush Years**

The Roundtable's noted legal experts, Professors Ira C. Lupu and Robert W. Tuttle of George Washington University Law School, have closely watched and commented on the legal developments surrounding the Faith-Based and Community Initiative since President George W. Bush launched that effort in 2001. Their annual "State of the Law" reports, drawing on their finely honed insights and long-term perspectives, have become must-reads for those interested in keeping up with significant changes in laws affecting government partnerships with religious groups. In their upcoming 2008 report, they not only look back over the last year, but over the last eight years - and even into the future of the next administration - to examine what the changes wrought under President Bush might mean for such partnerships going forward.



Professors Lupu and Tuttle will present their findings at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, December 2 at 9 a.m. Attendance is free.

Click here to register for the event:

<<http://www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/events/2008/>> .

Don't forget to check out upcoming training opportunities on the OFBCI website.

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>

If you have a training opportunity you would like considered for inclusion on the Training Calendar, please send the information to [lbeckwith@ofbci.in.gov](mailto:lbeckwith@ofbci.in.gov)

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# Grant Opportunities

## Reminder!!!

### Religious Institution's application for the Louisville Institute grants due!

**SUMMARY:** Grants are awarded for research projects that contribute to a greater understanding of contemporary challenges and opportunities that face religious institutions and American society.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Academics and pastors who have earned PhD or terminal degrees in their chosen vocations.

**DUE DATE:** December 1, 2008

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Grants for up to \$40,000 each will be awarded for up to a nine-month period of research and writing.

**INFORMATION:** For more information contact the Louisville Institute, 1044 Alta Vista Road Louisville KY 40205; (502) 992-5432, or [info@louisville-institute.org](mailto:info@louisville-institute.org) or , Website: <http://www.louisville-institute.org>

### Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship

**SUMMARY:** Administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation with support from the Lilly Endowment. Stipends will support 80 fellows with backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics in completing a master's degree at on of the four universities: Ball State, IUPUI, Purdue, and the University of Indianapolis. Upon completion of the degree, fellows must commit to teaching at a needy urban or rural Indiana high school for three years.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must have an achieved a cumulative grade point average or 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale and must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Undergraduates must attain a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university by June 30, 2009.

**DUE DATE:** December 15, 2008

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Stipends of up to \$30,000 each

**INFORMATION:** For more information contact Rocco Russo, WWNFF, 5 Vaughn Dr. Suite 300, Princeton N.J. 08540. (609) 452-7007.

Email: [wwteachingfellowships@woodrow.org](mailto:wwteachingfellowships@woodrow.org).

Website: <http://www.woodrow.org/fellowships/teaching/indiana/index.php>

# Grant Opportunities

## Justice Prize: Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation

**SUMMARY:** Unrestricted cash prize awarded to an individual whose contributions have advanced the cause of justice delivered through the legal system

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Individual nominated by persons or organizations that are active in or have an appreciation for the theory and practice of justice. The foundation prefers that nomination forms be submitted online or emailed. Self-nominations are not accepted.

**DUE DATE:** December 15, 2008

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Unrestricted cash prize of \$500,000

**INFORMATION:** For more information contact Sara Hreha, 140 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 10C, New York NY, 10019 (212)247-8549. Email: [nominations@gruberprizes.org](mailto:nominations@gruberprizes.org)  
Website: <http://www.gruberprizes.org/Nominations/Justice.php>

## Women's Rights Prize Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation

**SUMMARY:** A cash prize awarded to an individual who has made contributions, often at personal or professional risk, to furthering the rights of women and girls in any area, and to advancing gender equity.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Individuals are nominated by persons or organizations that are active in or have an appreciation for contemporary events in the field of women's rights. The foundation prefers that nomination forms be submitted online or emailed. Self-nominations are not accepted.

**DUE DATE:** December 15, 2008

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Unrestricted cash prize of \$500,000

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Website: <http://www.gruberprizes.org/GruberPrizes/WomensRights.php>

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## Webby Awards

**SUMMARY:** Presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences. The awards recognize excellent websites in more than 100 categories. Charities can submit entries online to be considered for Best Nonprofit Site of the Year, and can also enter interactive-advertising or feature categories such as Best Navigations and Best Copywriting.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Who may be nominated: charitable or nonprofit organizations with websites that have been used for at least part of 2008. Entries containing defamatory statements, messages of hatred, pornographic material, or any other kind of offensive elements are not eligible.

**DUE DATE:** December 19, 2008

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Not provided

**INFORMATION:** For more information contact Emily Warren, Webby Awards, 19 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 602, New York N.Y. 10010; (646) 918-5002. Email: [Emily@webbyawards.com](mailto:Emily@webbyawards.com), or Website: <http://www.webbyawards.com>

## Jazz For Peace

**SUMMARY:** Grants to support organizations that benefit the world in some way and are lacking financial support. Grants will provide both cash and staff members to help winning applicants stage fund raisers.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** Nonprofit organizations can apply.

**DUE DATE:** Ongoing: however applications are due on the last day of each month.

**AWARD AMOUNT:** Grants up to \$50,000

**INFORMATION:** For more information contact Jazz For Peace, 400 West 43rd Street. Suite 21L, New York NY, 10036; (212) 947-1104; Email: [info@jazzforpeace.org](mailto:info@jazzforpeace.org) or Website: <http://www.jazzforpeace.org/grant/htm>



### Help From U.S.A. Learns

"America's limited-English adults will now have readily available materials to improve their literacy and help them become more productive workers, better parents, engaged community members and active citizens," said Troy Justesen, assistant secretary for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education. Launch of the site completes one of the goals in President Bush's Aug. 10, 2007, announcement of 26 immigration reforms that his Administration would pursue within existing law -- including the assimilation of new citizens and helping immigrants learn English to expand their opportunities in America. Recognizing that "[k]nowledge of English is the most important component of assimilation" and "an investment in tools to help new Americans learn English will be repaid many times over," the Administration pledged to launch a free, Web-based portal to help immigrants learn English.

U.S.A. Learns offers the following features:

- \* An easily accessible Internet learning tool;
- \* Simple directions;
- \* Free instructional materials developed to teach basic English skills and help adults improve their English proficiency; and
- \* Learning modules that can be used outside a traditional classroom

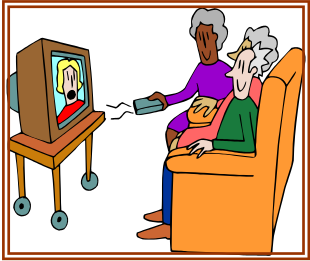
Upon entering the site, users can choose directions in either English or Spanish and then pick which English level they need -- beginner or intermediate. Once in the modules, the instruction is almost exclusively in English. In the beginner course, 20 units are offered in such areas as numbers, the calendar, places to go, families, schools, clothes, money and shopping. For intermediate students, more challenging exercises can help them further their existing English reading and writing skills.

The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy documented that as many as 11 million adults in the U.S. are not literate in English. Currently, local and state providers have the ability to serve only approximately one million of those learners annually, prompting the need for a Web site of this kind to offer to adults seeking easily accessible English literacy training.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education, through its Division of Adult Education and Literacy, oversaw the design of U.S.A. Learns. Core funding was provided by the U.S. Department of Education. The University of Michigan and Sacramento County Office of Education assisted the U.S. Education Department in the development of the U.S.A. Learns Web site. The site uses materials previously developed with public funds. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education plans to invite proposals from outside entities to take over the adult literacy portal in the future.

For more information, please visit [www.USALearns.org](http://www.USALearns.org)

### Digital TV is coming...are your clients prepared?



On February 17, 2009, all television programming must be transmitted via a digital signal. Those people -- including many older adults -- who use rabbit ear or rooftop antennas to tune in their television programming will be unable to receive programming without installing a digital TV converter box. For many elders, particularly those with low incomes or those in poor health, the television is a critical connection to the outside world. Isolated by economy or health, these older adults rely on the television not only for entertainment, but as for important information including news and weather updates.

To help keep these older adults connected, the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community <<http://cac.uindy.edu/>> , in partnership with Noobie, Inc. <<http://www.noobie.com/>> , has developed the Digital TV Connection Project (DTCP).

#### What is DTCP?

DTCP is a free, downloadable toolkit to help faith-based and community organizations implement a short-term volunteer effort to help keep their senior members connected through television by providing information about the conversion and assistance with converter box coupons and installation. Everything needed to implement this program is provided in English and in Spanish and is available at the CAC website at : <http://cac.uindy.edu/digitaltv.php>

For more information, please contact Amy Magan, CAC Communications Manager, at [amagan@uindy.edu](mailto:amagan@uindy.edu).

***“Redoing and fixing mistakes always costs more than taking the time to ensure that the work is done right in the first place.”***

*Steve Marr “Business Proverbs”*



**Christamore House**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RE-RELEASE—**  
November 21, 2008

**Contact: Tehea Harding**  
317.635.7211

**Pacer Players, IMPD to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Hoop It Up**  
*Bringing Peace In The Streets, A Family Celebration*

**INDIANAPOLIS—**On Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m., Christamore House will gather together with youth basketball teams, Pacer Players, community leaders, IMPD to bring Peace In The Streets during the Holiday Hoop It Up Family Celebration. This event will take place at George Washington Community High School, 2215 W. Washington Street (formerly George Washington High School).

General Manager of the Indiana Pacers, David Morway will open the ceremony followed by a memorial of Jeff Fosnot, afterwards, the single elimination basketball tournament of 8 local youth teams and law enforcement officers, will take place. A Talent Show featuring dancing, poetry, rap artist and more will be held at 2:00 and 4:00pm. Half-time highlights will feature:

- Celebrity Knock-Out at 3:30p.m., with Marquis Daniels, DJ Black,
- Community leaders, media personalities, local colleges, community dance teams will step off for peace.

Over the years, working together to reduce violence through recreation involving youth, law enforcement and community leaders has been a proven factor to strengthen relationships and restore trust with our youth. "With over 100 homicides, which is one to many, that's why we need to continue to work with the police department to help bring Peace In The Streets stated Olgen Williams, Deputy Mayor for Neighborhoods." This will be a **free**, fun-filled event. Come bring the family to help us celebrate Peace In The Streets and to Stop The Violence. For more information call Christamore House at 317.635-7211. A special thanks to: Radio One, Fosnot Memorial, Christamore House Peace In The Streets, Chick-fill-A, Church's Chicken, Emmis Communication, Kroger and Indy Parks.

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